

and, when he was raised to that position, the late Queen commanded that he should only be saluted as a regimental officer, and not as a member of the Royal Family. On one occasion, however, an Irish sentry, seeing the Duke and Duchess approaching, turned out the guard and gave the Royal salute. Much annoyed, H. R. H. proceeded to give the sentry in charge a piece of his mind, when the quick-witted Irishman said, in the richest brogue: "The guard sirs, is put fr Her Royal Highness, who, as a member of the Royal Family, is entitled to it." The sentry's mistake was therefore cleverly covered.

Once the Duke was driving from Killarney to visit Sir Maurice Fitzgerald at Valencia. At a picturesque little spot named Glenbeigh an old Irishman was tramping up the hill, evidently in great distress as is proverbial in "the distressed country." As Pat seemed sore-footed, His Royal Highness, with his customary kindness of heart, promptly offered him a lift, which was thankfully accepted. Mounted on the box at the side of the coachman, the jehu asked him if he knew who his benefactor was. "I expect," said Pat, "that he is some commercial traveller from the number as his traps." The driver quickly disillusioned the unconscious Irishman, telling him that he owed his good fortune to "the Queen of England's son." At once the tired wayfarer turned to the Duke, and in a bewildered fashion, begged "his Holiness's" pardon. He did not retain his fear long and in the journey over the mountain Pat acted the part of a humorous guide. The Duke made no secret of the fact that he had enjoyed the journey with his promiscuous companion, who went away lighter in mind but heavier in pocket; and the old Irishman still recounts with unctuous embellishments the adventure of his life. When the Duke of Connaught returns to England after his circuitous trip he will probably follow the example of the Prince of Wales and enrich the "Zoo" with another miniature menagerie.

HOW DID HE KNOW?

Yvette Guilbert, the noted French actress, at a dinner in New York, had been complimented rather awkwardly.

"Your intention was not bad," said the actress, good-humoredly, in her quaint English. "But you were awkward. I will admit that."

"So awkward you were that I am reminded of a happening, a Parisian happening. Listen. This is it."

"A Parisian gave a dinner. All the world was there. Jewels glittered on white throats. Orders and ribbons crossed white shirt bosoms. In a word, elegance complete."

"And after dinner, after the ladies had gone upstairs, the men, over their coffee and cigars and liquors, talked, as men will, of love."

"And all of a sudden the host cries in a loud voice—

"I will tell you, gentlemen, this is the truth: I have kissed the dainty Japanese girl. I have kissed the South Sea Island Maiden. I have kissed the slim Indian beauty. And the girls of England, of Germany, even of America, I have kissed, but it is most true that to kiss my wife is best of all."

"Then a young man cries from across the table:

"By jove, sir, you are right there!"

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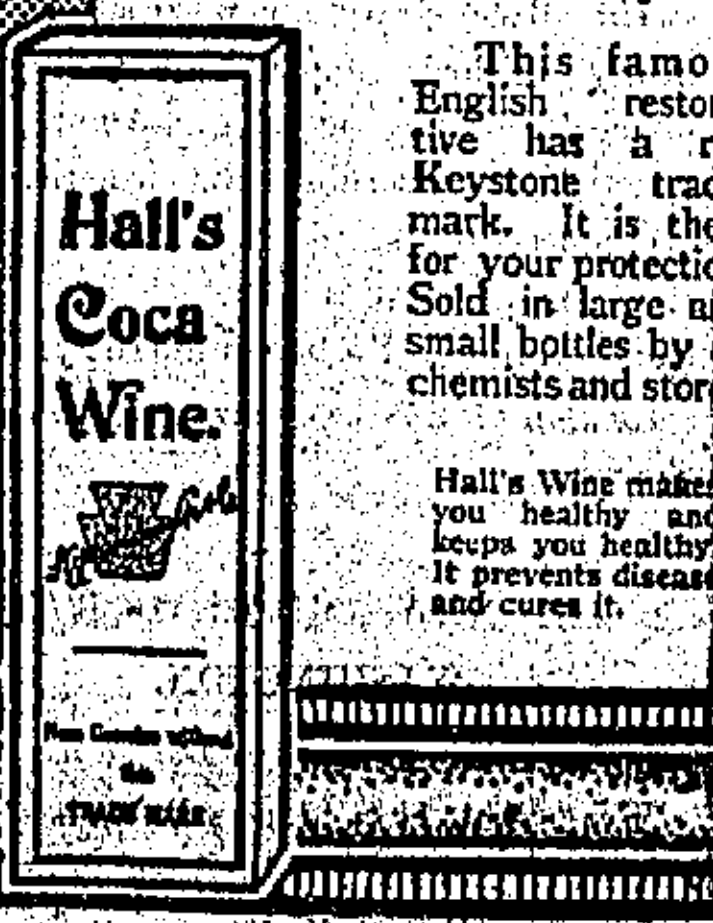
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SATURDAY,

the 29th December, 1906, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street,

A QUANTITY OF

SUPERIOR EMBROIDERED SILKS

Comprising of Table Covers, Wall Hangings, Bed Covers, &c., &c.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

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Hongkong, December 22, 1906. 2456

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, for account of the concerned, on

MONDAY,

the 31st December, 1906, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street,

AN ASSORTMENT OF ARTICLES

suitable for Xmas and New Year's Gifts;

and

20 cases PERINER and FILA CHAMPAGNE, 60 cases COGNAC—JAMES, BARRAUD, and ROGEE 3 Stars, 100 cases SCOTCH WHISKY, also

100 boxes MESSALINA COGNAC.

Special Holiday Stock in Dainty Gift Boxes.

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Hongkong, December 24, 1906. 2345

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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THURSDAY,

the 3rd January, 1907, at 11 a.m., at the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Godowns, at Kowloon,

A QUANTITY OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

(Particulars in Catalogue).

On view from Wednesday, the 2nd Jan., 1907.

TERMS.—As usual.

GEO. F. LAMBERT,

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Hongkong, December 27, 1906. 2465

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Lightning having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside the ship at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

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SANDER, WIELER & CO.,

Agents & Bill Brokers,

Hongkong, December 28, 1906. 2468

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FROM MIDDLESBORO, ANTWERP, LONDON & STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship Glenloch, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Plate Outfittings, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, and where each consignment will be sorted out, marked by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected. All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the Damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Steamer's arrival. No claims will be recognized if not presented within 14 days of the ship's arrival.

MCGREGOR BROS. & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 26, 1906. 2469

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THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER DELTA.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, marked by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings Cargo:—

From LONDON, &c. ex s.s. India.

From AUSTRALIA, &c. ex s.s. Himalaya.

From PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. B.I.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd January, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the Damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1906. 2467

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE SANITARY BOARD.

A Lively Meeting.

The Sanitary Board met yesterday afternoon, the President, Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, presiding, there being also present Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown, Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Dr. Macfarlane, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Dr. F. Clark, M.O.H., Lieut. Col. Reid and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (secretary).

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

There were a large number of applications for exemption from clause 170 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance set down on the agenda paper, but as it was stated that there were recommendations on the subject in the report being drawn up by the Royal Commission it was decided that they should stand over until after the Commission had delivered its report. It was stated that there was every probability that the report would be in the hands of His Excellency the Governor in about six weeks.

LAW OFFICER'S OPINIONS.

Regarding members' right to see the opinions of the Law Officer of the Crown, which the Government said "members might see but must regard as strictly confidential," Mr. Hooper said that he did not think the matter was open for discussion but he desired to record his protest without stating his reasons because he thought they would reach the Government through another source. He did not see what authority the Government had to make anything confidential that took place at the Board, having rules for their guidance.

THE GOVERNMENT'S REPLY WAS LAID ON THE TABLE.

On the question of the examination of water the two long minutes by Dr. Hunter and Mr. H. Humphreys (which we published yesterday) were laid on the table.

Mr. Humphreys said that he would like to offer some remarks on Dr. Hunter's minute. Mr. Humphreys pointed out that it was the experience in England that bacteriological experts seldom agreed, and that when they came to think of it it was not unreasonable that this should be so. A bacteriological examination of a well made in the morning might give totally different results to a similar examination made in the evening.

The President—Is that not the same with a chemical analytical examination?

Mr. Humphreys—No, not a bit of it. The President—Before and after rainfall would make a difference.

Mr. Humphreys continued that in the case of rainfall there might be a difference but not otherwise. Dr. Hunter endeavored to belittle his (Mr. Humphreys') authorities. There could be no question that Professor Franklin was the greatest living expert on water bacteria, and Dr. Thresh, lecturer on Public Health at London Hospital, should also be a good authority. He had every respect for Dr. Hunter's opinion, but when that opinion conflicted directly with that of those two experts he might be pardoned if he declined to accept it. Dr. Hunter made a point that insidious disease might occur through drinking water full of bacteria harmless in themselves, but the same argument would apply to the air we breathe. The air was laden with dust which was full of disease germs, but if they were going to prevent the people in Hongkong from breathing because of the germs of bacillus coli communis in the air they would be placed in an absurd position. Dr. Hunter referred to his (Mr. Humphreys') remarks at a previous meeting of the Board about bacteriology being one thing and chemical analysis another, the inference being that he (the speaker) had changed his views. He had not done anything of the kind. Undoubtedly they were different things. As he admitted in his minute, bacteriology was useful in finding out germs in water which could not be discovered by chemical analysis, but on the other hand chemical analysis readily detected poisons which bacteriology would never discover. It came to this, that unless the bacteriological examination stated that cholera or typhoid germs were present, if the chemical analysis gave an opposite report as to the possibility of certain water he should give priority to the chemical analysis, because it was more certain. The other was more delicate but not so certain. With regard to "E," he stated that sewage was readily detected by chemical examination. Dr. Hunter said it was not. He would like to know where the doctor got his ideas from. Personally, he (Mr. Humphreys) as an indifferent analyst, disagreed with him, and he thought that opinion would be supported by much greater experts than himself—Mr. Brown, Government Analyst, Mr. Taylor, of the Sugar Refinery, and other Analysts. Dr. Hunter had intended to convey that he had changed his views that if typhoid bacilli were present in the water or cholera bacilli, chemical analysis would not detect it. He still agreed with it, because before these things could be present they must be associated with sewage which had to pass through some animal, generally man, before they got to the water. They were not to suppose for one moment that Dr. Hunter was going to pour those malignant bacilli into the walls of the Colony or take them round in tubes and distribute them into the water supply. That would be the only condition under which they could not be suspected by chemical analysis.

The President considered that it was just as well in the Colony to have an additional test to the chemical analysis of water.

Mr. Humphreys—Have both tests by all means!

The President—That is just what we are doing now. Both tests are submitted to members of the Board and they have to form their judgment on them.

Mr. Humphreys—We are in the position of the judges in the Courts at Home and what I say is that when the two reports

after we should place most reliance on the chemical examination unless the Bacteriological states clearly that germs of typhoid or cholera are present.

The President—Both reports will be submitted to the Board, and we will be guided by the judgment of the majority.

MEMBERS' RIGHTS.

Referring to a number of applications for modification of the requirements of section 170 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, the President suggested that as the matter was still *sub judice* they should stand over with other similar applications.

A letter forwarded to the Board by an unofficial member was being considered by the Government.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak—My letter was sent in ten or eleven days ago, and has not yet been circulated.

The President—No, it has been referred to the Government.

Mr. Hooper—Under these circumstances I should like to know under whose authority a letter addressed to the Board has been referred to someone else.

The President—By my authority.

Mr. Hooper—Then with all due respect to your position as administrative head of this department, Mr. President, I venture to say that you have no right whatever to suppress any information from members sent to them by the public for their information.

The President—No information has been suppressed or will be suppressed that has been communicated to the Board. It will be laid before them in due time.

Mr. Hooper—The Government cannot interfere between you and the Board in any communications sent for the information of members of the Board, and I consider it a great disrespect to this Board that a communication addressed to members eleven days ago has not been sent to them.

The President—We will take the next business.

MR HOOPER INDIGNANT.

The question of closing a well at No. 23 Stanley Street was next considered.

The President—On two occasions the Board has already decided that this well should be closed, and also on two occasions the owner of the property on which it stands has written in and asked the Board to reconsider its decision. Therefore the matter has been considered twice, and this is the third time. The question is whether the well shall be closed or not. I move that it be closed. It has been suggested that the well was necessary in case of fire but it is in a small yard and cut off from the street no one would stay there to draw water from it at the risk of his life.

Mr. Hooper—I should like to ask the Medical Officer whether there have been any cases of typhoid or cholera in that house.

The Medical Officer of Health—I couldn't say of hand.

Mr. Hooper—I should also like to ask whether taking the population of Hongkong, speaking generally, the percentage of typhoid and cholera is not very small?

The President—It varies, of course, with different years. At any moment we may be exposed to an outbreak of cholera here, and the object at least of those of us who vote for closing the wells is to safeguard the health of the colony. If a well of that sort got contaminated with cholera bacilli it would be a great source of danger. It is impossible when once a well is opened to prevent people carrying buckets of water away to neighbouring houses and to houses in streets far away from its vicinity.

Mr. Hooper—I may say that up to about 18 years ago typhoid was practically unknown in this Colony, but malaria was very rife and then people had to depend very largely on well water; therefore such water has never been the cause of typhoid fever.

With regard to cholera I was surprised to hear you say there had been hundreds of cases here.

The President—Hundreds in the outbreak of 1902.

Mr. Hooper—I was fortunately absent during that year.

The Registrar General—I beg to second your motion, Mr. President. After all we must place some confidence in our experts until they are shown unworthy of it, and Dr. Hunter, from his report, seems to take a cautious view, and not to be actuated by any wild theories. I must say with regard to questions of public health, that in the event of Dr. Hunter, our bacteriologist, being supported by the Medical Officer of Health, I have no difficulty in voting for anything of this kind recommended. I don't suppose Mr. Humphreys or Mr. Hooper wish to wait for the discovery of cholera bacilli in the well before closing it; that would be closing the door after the horse was stolen.

Mr. Humphreys—I move as an amendment that the well be allowed to remain open.

Mr. Fung Wa-chun—I beg to second that because whenever I go out through the hot days I see hundreds of women and girls carrying water from nullahs, and to my opinion water like this, the quality of which is certified by the Analyst, is far better than that extracted from dirty nullahs on the hillside.

Mr. Hooper—I in support of the amendment I have to say that with the conflicting evidence we have before us of the Government Analyst, in whom we have every confidence, as against that of the Government Bacteriologist, I don't think we are justified in closing this well, at any rate for the present.

The amendment was carried.

After the amendment had been carried the Hon. Mr. Brewin said (weakly and in an undertone)—I suppose Mr. President it will be open to the M.O.H. to bring that matter up again some day when Mr. Hooper and Mr. Humphreys are absent and have this decision reversed.

Mr. Hooper—(sitting quietly)—I object more strongly to the remarks of the Registrar General. I think that an official and unimpeachable officer of the Government holding the high position of a seat on the Executive Council, and

saying, "Sir, to send a report of that remark he made, together with mine, to His Excellency the Governor, because it means that if such remarks are allowed to be made, then it is impossible for me to attend at this Board."

The Registrar General—I don't see anything disrespectful to this Board.

Mr. Hooper—You mentioned two names—Mr. Humphreys and mine. Then I will add the Registrar General and Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

The President—This discussion must cease. We have had quite enough on the subject.

Mr. Hooper—Then I will ask you to send the remarks to the Governor.

The President—Will you kindly allow me to open it?

Mr. Shelton Hooper—(sitting down) I beg your pardon.

The President—Of course, if you wish this to be sent to the Governor shall be sent.

Mr. Brewin—I do not think I said anything condemnatory. Because some members are present and others absent and when these others were present and some other about we might reverse it again.

Mr. Hooper—And who are absent but the official members? There might just as well be no unofficial members of the Sanitary Board at all if such a remark as this by an official member is allowed to pass.

CANTON NEWS.

THREE FIRES AT ONCE.

In the Western suburbs on the 6th of the Chinese month there was a big fire in San Tan Lan street, which destroyed about twenty shops. As the Chinese puts it "The god of the wind was furious and therefore it was with difficulty that the fire could be got under. Within an hour there were many engines on the spot yet because of the adverse conditions the results was very serious."

On the same day in the evening a fire broke out in the Seventh Ward, also in the Western suburbs, and before it could be extinguished more than ten shops had been gutted.

At the same time another fire broke out in the roof of a house in the Ninth Ward, and a mass of woodwork used for drying purposes was found to be in a blaze. This fire fortunately was extinguished before any very serious damage was done.

Of course the season of the year for fires is now upon us, and we expect frequent fires.

A NEW BANK PROJECTED.

The old Canton Viceroy before he left discussed the possibility of establishing a new official bank in Canton which should be in direct connection with a similar bank in Peking, having also connections in different other cities of the Empire. It appears that the present Viceroy is in sympathy with the proposal and is taking the matter up warmly, looking into the difficulties and the advantages of it. It is promised that financial transactions can be done by means of such a bank much cheaper than they are done at present, and also with more expedition. A special Commission has been appointed to examine into the question both in Peking and in Canton, and when the report is laid before His Excellency, the way will be clear for the final decision. Of course, in the past, business people have generally been shy of trusting their funds into official hands, but probably there is a better condition of affairs now, and there is likely to be more trust, possibly, when there is more unity and more general knowledge diffused as to what is going on.

TAXES TO BE LIGHTENED.

It is known that the recent Viceroy imposed taxes on butchers' shops and also on all brothels. The present Viceroy looks with disfavour on this method of raising local funds. He sees that when pork-butchers are taxed the money must perforce come out of the pockets of the hard-working man, and this does not appeal to his sense of fairness. On the other hand taxes from the second source seem to him to be derogatory to the dignity and ideals of a Government; therefore, it is said that both are to be discontinued.

ALLIANCE MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

The quarrel seems to be going on between the two sections of those who are interested in the building of the Canton-Hankow railway. The native press is daily full of reports of the struggles that are said to be taking place between those who are believers in the value of the railway and those who are determined to get at the bottom of the rumours. I see from a recent report that those who are under suspicion, have employed some men, who are described as "not fearing death," whose duty it is to go around and publish all kinds of rumours, which are intended to further divide the union, and make things more difficult for those who are fighting the battle of cleanhandedness to carry on their work. In the reports no names are mentioned, and there is little that is definite that can be known. The general impression however is that things are in a muddle and that there are some, who were in authority, who ought to have known better, who have not hesitated to defect funds belonging to shareholders into their own pockets. All this retards progress and creates unrest.

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SPORTING.

Yachting.

THE HONGKONG YACHT CLUB. The Hongkong Yacht Club will hold their fourth Club race on Sunday, over a course from Police Pier to Troas Rock buoy (port) thence to North Fairway buoy (port) and Meyer's East buoy (port) finishing at the Police Pier.

On New Year's Day the Club will hold a cruise to Junk Bay for members and their friends. The Commodore (Dr. Francis Clark) will hold his flag on the "Vernon" and the Vice-Commodore (Mr. E. M. Hazeland) on the "Nina." The "May" will be used as committee boat and a launch will leave Blake Pier at 10.30 a.m. for the convenience of visitors.

On arrival at Junk Bay the following programme will be carried out:— Ladies' Race, one-design. Handicap class. Motor Boat Race.

The prizes for the various events have been presented by the Commodore (Dr. Francis Clark), Messrs D. Templeton, W. A. Crake, J. Hand, J. McCordale, E. F. Gibson and A. McKirdy, and they will be presented by Mrs. Francis Clark.

The following are the officials:—Judge, Mr. M. Melver; Starter, Mr. E. M. Hazeland; Timekeeper, Mr. J. Meek; Clerk of the Course, Mr. E. F. Gibson. All arrangements regarding guests and tiffin are under the supervision of the hon. sec. and hon. treas.

The Commodore's Cup will be sailed for on January 30, and the OXENA MAIR Cup on January 30.

League Cricket.

KOWLOON & CRAIGECROFT. This match will take place to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. on the Craiggower Ground.

The following will represent Craiggower:—L. E. Lammert (Capt.), R. Bass, A. O. Brown, R. Poston, J. D. Kinnaird, E. Irving, S. E. Green, L. A. Ross, E. S. Ford, R. B. Lockyer and G. Evans.

Football.

THE INTERNATIONAL MATCH. What should prove to be one of the best Rugby matches of the year is to take place to-morrow at Happy Valley, England and Wales against Scotland and Ireland. The former will play in white and the latter in colours. The teams are:—

SCOTLAND AND IRELAND: Full back, B. Johnson; Three-quarters, J. McG. Taylor, A. O. Lang, C. M. Preshaw and J. G. Lusk; Halves, A. G. Fleming and G. B. Down; Forwards, H. G. O. Bailey, R. G. Munro, A. M. F. Smith, J. Harrow, Holmes, Buckle, M. H. Logan and another.

ENGLAND AND WALES: Full back, G. L. Johnson; Three-quarters, J. G. Jamour, F. E. Pearce, T. L. Lloyd and H. Hancock; Halves, M. C. Joughin and L. J. Blackburn; Forwards, H. W. Lester, W. J. Daniel, F. O. Hall, P. W. Goldring, H. M. Kendall, A. Gage, R. M. Banning and H. F. Chard; Reserves, A. Greenhill.

Referee—Mr. J. Clark.

Last year the meeting of the Internationals resulted in a win for England-Wales after a really good game by 18 points to ten (three goals and one try to two goals). This year the game should be an even one, though on paper the Scotch-Irish team appear to have the advantage. They have the better and faster back division, but this to a large extent is counterbalanced by the English-Welsh halves and forwards.

Both teams are good teams, though it might be an advantage to have W. J. Daniel in the three-quarter line instead of among the forwards. Those who saw his play in the recent match when he was in the three-quarter line could not but admire him. Though he gives the appearance of being slow of foot he has a turn of speed that is surprising and the way in which he handled off a couple of would-be tacklers was very good.

Of course, in the forwards his weight will be useful, but there he will not do so much good as in the back division. H. Hancock has not played rugby for some time and an exchange could be therefore effected.

The match is timed to start at four o'clock, but, as is usual, it will probably be set going about 4.30 or thereabouts.

Baseball.

THE AMERICAN GAME. Residents of the Colony will have an opportunity of seeing baseball played as it should be on Monday and Tuesday next, for two finals will be then contested. The first final will be in connection with the Dowley Cup competition. This cup has been presented by Mr. W. A. Dowley, of the Vacuum Oil Co., to the four cruisers now in port to be competed for annually until one of them is fortunate to win it three times when it will become their absolute property. The preliminary games in the competition will be played to-morrow about noon on the Causeway Bay grounds, and the final on Monday. The Pennsylvanians are favourites for the competition, but the other cruisers are confident of giving them a hard fight for the cup.

Tuesday's match will be between a combined team, selected from among the officers of the American fleet and the Hongkong baseball team. This game should be worth seeing. If only to see what improvement the local team have made since they played the Oregon some time ago. The cup for game has also been presented by Mr. Dowley.

Mr. Dowley has gone to considerable trouble to organise these matches and a preliminary announcement could not be made until the Hongkong Football Club's ground was obtained, but needless to state the Committee of the Hongkong Football Club, at once placed the ground at the disposal of Mr. Dowley, even postponing a match which had been arranged. In addition to arranging these matches Mr. Dowley has invited a number of the officers to dinner at the Hongkong Club. He has gone out of his way to entertain them in view of the splendid reception given to the British Fleet in Manila and if one or two public spirited residents would only step in and assist Mr. Dowley he would appreciate it much could be done towards making the remainder of the stay of the American Asiatic Fleet in Hongkong pleasant.

Where are all the Clubs? Now is the time for them to come forward and organise an entertainment that will do justice to the Colony's reputation for hospitality. The Fleet leaves, we understand, on Wednesday next, so there is not much time to spare. What is to be done must be done at once.

RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

Chinese Commissioner's Visit to Malaya.

\$500,000 SUBSCRIBED IN SINGAPORE. Some time ago, we (Straits Times) called attention to the presence in Singapore of His Excellency Cheng Pao-Sang, Director of Railways in the Province of Fokien. This Chinese official is on a tour among his compatriots in Malaya for the purpose of arousing their interest in the railway schemes now in course of promotion in the Fokien Province, and "if all we hear is true he has succeeded admirably in his mission."

In Singapore alone, in spite of the outcry about "hard times" Cheng is reported to have obtained subscriptions for no less than 100,000 shares. As each share is valued at \$5—we do not know if this is local currency, or the Chinese dollar, or varying degrees of fineness now being turned out in the various provincial mints of China, or the convenient, but fast-disappearing, Mexican coin—the amount collected in Singapore amounts to \$500,000. This ought to satisfy this patriotic delegate of Chinese mandarins, and, if the money is well laid out, the Straits Chinese may lay the flattering unction to their souls that they have borne no inconsiderable share in the return of their Fatherland and its development by means of rapid transportation.

His Excellency left Singapore on the 8th instant for Penang. We are informed that he will spend three weeks in perambulating the Native States in search of further subscriptions. From Penang he travels to Rangoon, and, upon his return to Singapore, will go on to Java. His mission terminates there, and he will then return to China via Singapore.

While in Singapore, Cheng sent out broadcast an "Express," printed in Chinese, explaining the object of his mission and soliciting financial support. The document is too long to reproduce in our columns, but the following is a summary of its principal statements:—

"During the past ten years, the Chinese resident in China have awakened to a sense of the importance of railway construction for the development of the resources of the country, though they are, unfortunately, ignorant of engineering knowledge themselves. The people of the Fokien (or Fokien) Province have just become aware of the necessity for railways throughout the Province, and the necessity for linking up their railway system with those already constructed or contemplated in the Provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, Anhui and Chekiang."

"The Board of Commissioners in Fokien Province," therefore, petitioned the Emperor and the Board of Trade to allow the construction of a railway in their Province, under the management of one Mr. Tan Peh-Thim (Cheng Pao-Sang), who was once, about twenty years ago, a Minister, but who has now retired from official position. This petition was granted, and Mr. Tan Peh-Thim, who is reputed to be a man of great experience, has already visited Amoy, Canton and Shanghai, to learn something of railway management and also to consult engineering experts regarding the routes and construction of a system in Fokien."

"Having obtained this information, he attended a meeting, in the Province, of representatives of the Board of Trade and the Board of Commissioners. (This latter body seems to be some sort of Board of Directors or Company promoters—Ed. Straits Times.) At this meeting, it was decided that the Company should be a Joint Stock Company. Mr. Tan Peh-Thim stated at this meeting that judging from the products of the Province and the possibilities of development of its natural resources, there was likely to be sufficient business for a railway line, and he had no reason to doubt that it could be constructed by them and be made just as lucrative an enterprise as railways were in other countries."

"Mr. Tan Peh-Thim is now in Singapore seeking to enlist the interest of the Chinese residents in the scheme he is promoting, and he asks them to come forward and give their support by purchasing shares in the Company. But he is here not only to dispose of shares but to ask your advice and to learn more about railway management and railway construction."

The above is, we confess, the somewhat free translation of a somewhat idiomatic "Englishing" of the Chinese original. If it is lacking in information, brevity, or halting in style, we must ask your readers to keep the circumstances of its translation in mind.

Accompanying the "Express" is a formal Prospectus. It appeared too formidable a document to translate in full, so we present our readers with the first seven paragraphs merely as a sample of the translation that is placed in our hands; it will serve the double purpose of conveying information and of showing our readers what the editorial staff of a Far Eastern newspaper has to grapple with in the ordinary course of duty.

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2. That a sum of only \$8,000,000, be secured for the commencement of this enterprise; the lines of which are only to be laid between three districts, namely "Chiang Chow," "Chuan Chow," and "Hock Chow."

3. A \$5 share is to be made up and the sum of which is to be collected in three instalments. The first call is to be \$1 to

be paid by the first moon of Chinese next year, the second payment of \$3 to be made by the Chinese 7th moon and the balance to be paid by the Chinese 12th moon.

4. All dollars should be of 7.5 in transaction.

5. This Company undertakes paying an interest of 1/8 per cent. per annum after receiving the said sum of \$8 and a receipt for same will be given accompanied by a written share slip. The interest to be paid always by the third Chinese moon.

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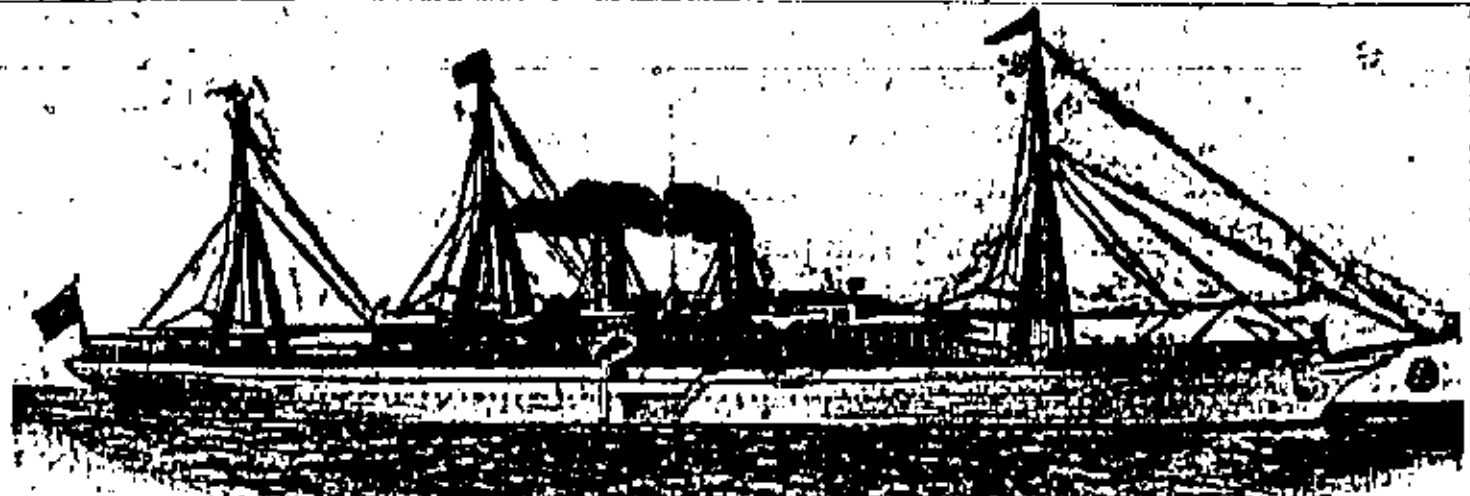
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| TARTAR | 4125 TONS | WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8 | Feb. 2 |
| EMPRESS OF CHINA | 6000 TONS | THURSDAY, Jan. 17 | Feb. 11 |
| MONTREAL | 6183 TONS | FRIDAY, Jan. 23 | Feb. 16 |
| EMPRESS OF INDIA | 6000 TONS | SATURDAY, Jan. 30 | Feb. 23 |
| ATLANTIC | 5982 TONS | SUNDAY, Feb. 6 | Feb. 29 |
| EMPRESS OF JAPAN | 6000 TONS | MONDAY, Feb. 13 | March 6 |
| | | TUESDAY, Feb. 20 | March 13 |
| | | WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27 | March 20 |
| | | THURSDAY, Mar. 5 | March 27 |
| | | FRIDAY, Mar. 12 | April 3 |

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| DESTINATIONS | VESSELS | SAILING DATES |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| MARSHALLS, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID | HITACHI MARU, Capt. W. Townsend, Tons 7000 | WEDNESDAY, 9th Jan., 1909. |
| VICTORIA, B.O., and SEATTLE, WASH., via SHANGHAI, MOJOI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | KANAGAWA MARU, Capt. M. J. Currow, Tons 6000 | WEDNESDAY, 23rd Jan., at Daylight. |
| SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY, 29th Jan., at Noon | AKI MARU, Capt. N. Yagi, Tons 6000 | TUESDAY, 8th Jan., at 4 p.m. |
| DAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE | YIO MARU, Capt. W. Thompson, Tons 6200 | TUESDAY, 22nd Jan., at 4 p.m. |
| BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, MADRAS AND COLOMBO | KUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Matheson, Tons 5070 | FRIDAY, 28th Dec., at Noon |
| BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, MADRAS AND COLOMBO | NIKKO MARU, Capt. E. W. Haswell, Tons 5500 | THURSDAY, 24th Jan., at Noon |
| KOBE and YOKOHAMA | HAJIKATA MARU, Capt. T. Mura, Tons 6200 | SATURDAY, 29th Dec., at Daylight. |

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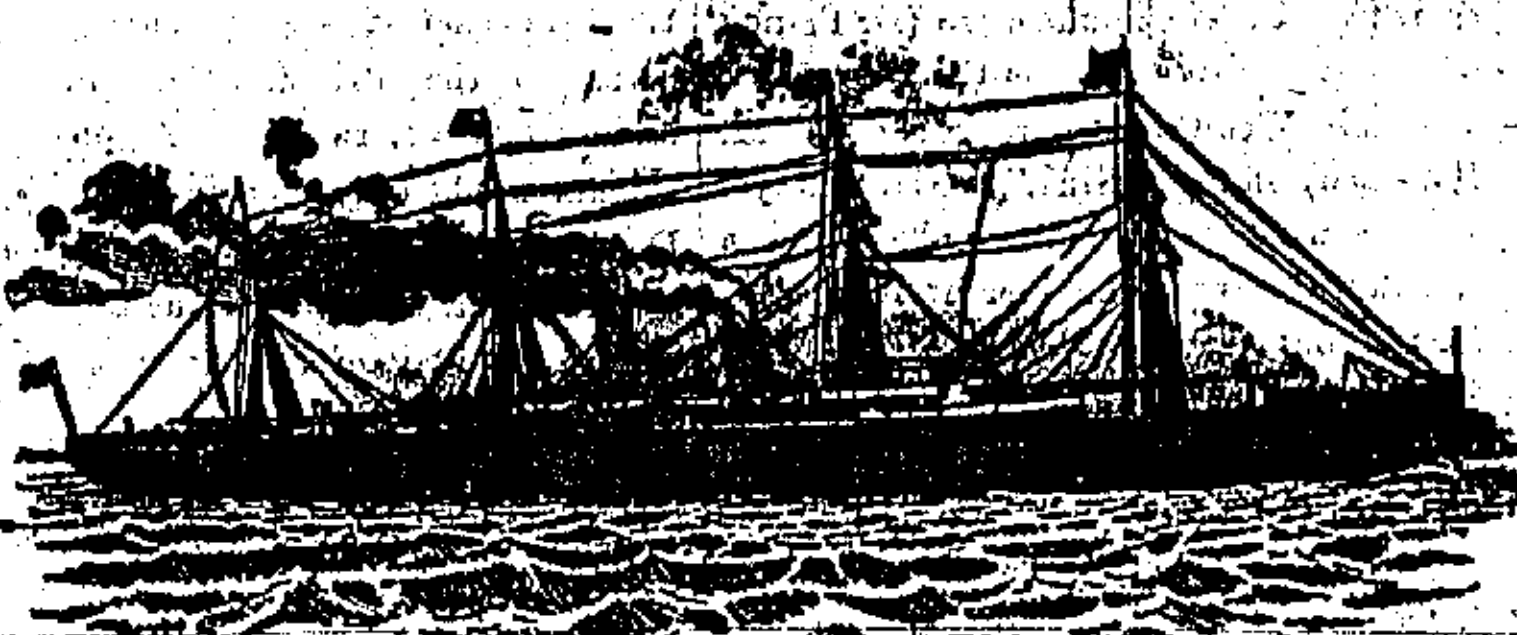
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| PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION) |
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| AMERICA MARU, 11,000 Gross Tons, TUESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon, 1909. |
| SIBERIA, 18,000 " " TUESDAY, 22nd Jan., at Noon. |
| MONSIEUR, 10,000 " " TUESDAY, 29th Jan., at Noon. |
| NIPPON MARU, 11,000 " " TUESDAY, 5th Feb., at Noon. |
| DORIC, 9,000 " " FRIDAY, 12th Feb., at Noon. |
| COPTIC, 9,000 " " SATURDAY, 20th Feb., at Noon. |
| HONGKONG MARU, 11,000 " " TUESDAY, 27th Feb., at Noon. |
| KOREA, 18,000 " " FRIDAY, 27th Feb., at Noon. |

RECORD FAST TRIPS.

Yokohama to San Francisco, a.s. KOREA, 18,000 tons, September 18-27th 1908; 10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes.

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THE T. K. K. Steamship AMERICA MARU will be despatched from Hongkong to SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, (INLAND SEA), KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 8th January, 1909, at Noon, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.

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| STEAMSHIP | TONS | CAPTAIN | TO SAIL ON |
|-----------|------|----------|------------|
| WOMANTIA | 4370 | FELDMANN | January 8. |

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FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE

| STEAMSHIP | TONS | CAPTAIN | TO SAIL ON |
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| SHANGHAI | 4370 | FELDMANN | January 8. |
| YOKOHAMA | 4370 | FELDMANN | January 8. |
| KOBE | 4370 | FELDMANN | January 8. |

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CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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|-----------|------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------|
| RUBI | 2540 | R. Almond | Manila Direct | Friday, Dec. 28. |
| ZAFIRO | 2540 | R. Roger | Manila Direct | Saturday, Jan. 5, at Noon. |

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| STEAMERS | SAILING DATES, 1909. |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH | WEDNESDAY, 2nd Jan. |
| SEYDLITZ | WEDNESDAY, 16th Jan. |
| PRINZ HEINRICH | WEDNESDAY, 30th Jan. |
| PREUSSEN | WEDNESDAY, 13th Feb. |
| PRINZESS ALICE | WEDNESDAY, 27th Feb. |
| PRINZ LUDWIG | WEDNESDAY, 13th Mar. |
| ZITEN | WEDNESDAY, 27th Mar. |
| PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD | WEDNESDAY, 10th April. |
| PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH | WEDNESDAY, 24th April. |

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of January, 1909, at Noon, the Steamship PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH, Captain Malchow, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIFIC and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 31st December, Cargo and Speeds will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 1st January and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 1st January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

Lines can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG.

| TO | 1st Class | 2nd Class | 3rd Class |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| To Naples, Genoa and Gibraltar | \$21.0.0 | \$14.0.0 | \$9.0.0 |
| To Southampton, London, Bremen and Hamburg | \$21.0.0 | \$14.0.0 | \$9.0.0 |
| To New York, via Suez, via Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar | \$44.0.0 | \$28.0.0 | \$18.0.0 |
| To Bremen or Southampton | \$21.0.0 | \$14.0.0 | \$9.0.0 |

In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa, or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton, the same rates will be applied as via Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA.

Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co., from Singapore to Calcutta instead of an Imperial Mail Steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is however not included.

INTERRUPTION OF THE VOYAGE IN EGYPT.

Passengers to Europe and New York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean Steamers from Alexandria, to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer from Port Said.

JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIA LINE VIA NEW GUINEA.

STEAM FOR MANILA, SIMPSONHAFEN, FRIEDRICH-WILHELMSHAFEN, HERBERTSHOF, MATUPEL, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

| STEAMERS | SAILING DATES, 1909. |
|----------------|----------------------|
| SANDAKAN | FRIDAY, 4th Jan. |
| MANILA | FRIDAY, 11th Jan. |
| PRINZ WALDEMAR | THURSDAY, 28th Feb. |

ON FRIDAY, the 4th day of January, at Noon, the Steamship SANDAKAN, Captain Wendt, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, will leave this port as above.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Lines can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG.

| TO | 1st Class | 2nd Class | 3rd Class |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| To Manila | \$21.0.0 | \$14.0.0 | \$9.0.0 |
| To New Guinea | \$21.0.0 | \$14.0.0 | \$9.0.0 |
| To Brisbane | \$21.0.0 | \$14.0.0 | \$9.0.0 |
| To Sydney | \$21.0.0 | \$14.0.0 | \$9.0.0 |
| To Melbourne | \$21.0.0 | \$14.0.0 | \$9.0.0 |
| To Yokohama | \$21.0.0 | \$14.0.0 | \$9.0.0 |
| To Kobe | \$21.0.0 | \$14.0.0 | \$9.0.0 |
| To Yokohama & back from Kobe to Hongkong | \$140.0.0 | \$100.0.0 | \$60.0.0 |

TO EUROPE via Australia and Colombo by Imperial

To Europe via Australia and America

To Europe via Australia and America

From New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd.

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For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA, PRINZ HEINRICH

Do GENEVA, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 16.

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| TO | 1st Class | 2nd Class | 3rd Class |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
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| to Bremen | \$82.0.0 | \$52.0.0 | \$32.0.0 |
| to Paris via Cherbourg | \$82.0.0 | \$52.0.0 | \$32.0.0 |
| to Naples, Genoa, via Gibraltar | \$82.0.0 | \$52.0.0 | \$32.0.0 |

Passage money payable in local currency at current Bank Rate of Exchange on the day of payment.

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MELOCHERS & CO., Agents.

Shipping.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOI & HONGKONG.

THE Company's Steamship HONGKONG, Captain A. E. HODGINS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 26th December, 1908.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAUREN & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 27, 1908. 2461



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Through Bills of Lading issued for DATA, VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AFRICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship DELHI, Captain J. D. ANDREWS, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 26th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's Steamship Victoria, 6,500 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

And Valuable, all Cargo for BOMBAY, and for London (under arrangements) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. Catalina, due in London on the 9th February, 1909.

Cargoes will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

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E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 2406

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FOR MANILA, SIMPSONHAFEN, FRIEDRICH-WILHELMSHAFEN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

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Hongkong, December 18, 1908. 2444

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FOR NEW YORK.

SATSUMA, January 19.

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Hongkong, December 27, 1908. 2466

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MEMORANDUM.

A Series of Articles on the Revenue of China, prepared for the improvement of China.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 23rd at 11.45 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably over Japan, owing to the passage of the depression from Okhotsk to the N. part of Japan.
The anticyclone still lies over the continent to the North of the Yangtze.
The monsoon will freshen again in the Formosa Channel, and continue to blow strongly over the China Sea.
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Forecast District.
1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N. wind, moderate; fine.
2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamouk: winds, fresh; rain.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

SEA-CAPTAIN'S STORY.

SENSATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN SINGAPORE.

A rumour which reached the ears of a Singapore journalist, resulted in an interview with Captain James Warriner, the popular yachtsman so favourably known to many of this city's residents. "It is true," said Captain Warriner, "that I have had what I may honestly describe as a most remarkable experience. I was suddenly taken ill by a most mysterious ailment, and I will gladly tell you the story because I have proved these pills to be a most wonderful medicine, and everybody in ill-health should use them. About twelve months ago I sank into a terrible weakness and could only manage to crawl to my duties by the aid of sticks. My back grew so weak that I was almost doubled up, and, at times, I have been prostrated with sharp searing pains across my loins and stomach like the stab of knives. Then, as time went on, my eyes became inflamed, my head and shoulders ached, and I was unable to sleep at all at night, but would lay awake, restless and irritable. My head ached severely; my eyes were blood-shot; and my tongue was coated with a thick yellow fur. I could not eat a morsel of food without distressing pain, and my chest, without cruel agony. Sometimes my heart felt as if it would cease beating. Then my head would grow dizzy, and I would feel sick and faint. Suddenly, I became a victim to dengue fever, which quickly completed the wreck of my constitution. Doctors did their best to cure me and gave me temporary relief; but I was beyond cure by ordinary medicines and I despaired of ever being well again.

When I was helpless and as feeble as a child, a friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which, he said, had cured his wife of a similar weakness and poverty of blood. I had little faith in advertised remedies, for I had tried so many in vain, but having read of other cases in the papers, which I found to be genuine, I purchased a few bottles of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and began a course of that wonderful medicine. "I am now," continued Captain Warriner, "heartier and well. I had taken bottles and bottles of other medicine, but I was unable to get any relief, and I was almost actually dying when I commenced taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. But I felt better after the first few doses and was much more cheerful. I also slept better, and when I had taken the second bottle I found to my surprise that I was able to walk with freedom than ever before."

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EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, December 23, 1906.

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| On London | 2/3 |
| Bank Wire | 2/3 |
| On demand | 2/3 |
| 30 days sight | 2/3 |
| 4 months sight | 2/3 |
| Credit, 4 months sight | 2/3 |
| On Paris | 2/3 |
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